



**GORDON JACKSON**, member of Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, checks out equipment in the Civil Defense Communications bus which will be on display here Friday night. (Staff Photo)

## Local Civil Defense Will Unveil Communications Bus Friday Night

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Vanderburgh County Civil Defense Corps will observe first annual National Defense Week by officially unveiling its new communications bus Friday night.

Nationally, the week runs from today through Saturday.

Locally, the Friday night visit of the bus to the downtown area, the display of other equipment and the passing out of CD literature will be the extent of the observance.

The bus and other equipment will be on Main Street between 4th and 5th Sts. that night.

Al Schoettlin, 408 Lewis Ave., radio officer in charge of Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, will, along with staff members, be on hand to tell about the equipment.

One year in building, the bus, a 1954 Ford, was driven to Evansville from Winston - Salem, N.C., by Carl Barron, 512 Lewis Ave. It is equipped to be self-operating under any conditions. It has sound-proofed booths equipped with radio receiving and sending apparatus.

The Civil Defense fire engine,

with John Moser in charge, also will be on display. Wayne Besing will be in charge of the Ground Observer Corps which has membership of 75.

The Medical Unit, under Dr. Russell Springstun, hopes to have a portable blood-typing unit.

Jerry Kissel, assistant Civil Defense director, and heads of the various units, are handling details of this public inspection. Halie Moore, Civil Defense police chief, will provide patrolmen for the area during the downtown display.